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## WASHINGTON SIDELIGHTS

New Job Brings Gruenther  
Close to Old Friend IkeDon't Overlook Any Clues, Says Intelligence Chief  
Recalling Time He Declined to See 'Bearded Russian'

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 19—Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther, retiring NATO military chief, passed up at least three offers from industry, at salaries between \$100,000 and \$150,000 a year, to take the \$30,000 post of president of the American Red Cross.



Gen. Gruenther

This is a break for President Eisenhower because the general will have his office just down the street from the White House and will be handy for frequent consultation.

There was talk of adding Gen. Gruenther to the White House family in either a Cabinet or advisory role. But now the President gets the full advantage of the general's counsel without rekindling occasional protests against too many military men in administrative positions.

The Eisenhowers also are delighted to regain favorite bridge partners because the Gruentheres will reside here.

## This Russian Became Famous

Allen W. Dulles, hard-working director of the Central Intelligence Agency, reminds himself of a World War I experience whenever he or his staff is inclined to take a suggested clue lightly.

Mr. Dulles was in Switzerland and up to his ears in intelligence errands. He was asked if he wanted to talk with a "bearded Russian," but turned down the invitation after he had checked with some other U. S. officials, all of whom agreed it would be a waste of time.

It was only a couple of weeks later that Mr. Dulles learned that the Russian was Nicolai Lenin, en route to Russia to join the revolution.

Take Your Mink Coat  
Incidentally, ladies, if you plan

to attend the inauguration take your mink coat. According to the Old Farmer's Almanac just off the press, the weather will be "very cold."

## Reservists Study City Government

Boy Scouts have been doing it annually in various cities for years, but these Army reservists are practicing just in case someday they have to do it for real.

On the first Saturday of each month, a corps of Army reservists moves into suburban Rockville, Md., to work with city administrators and employees.

They probe the inner workings of a city administration as training for that possible day when the Army may have to take over

a city government crippled by war.

## New Chairman Didn't Want Job

Next year's boss of the House Foreign Affairs Committee is a quiet, Democratic Party stalwart from Chicago, Rep. Gordon, who once told his predecessor that he never wanted the job as chairman.

Committee colleagues recall that Mr. Gordon once asked the retiring chairman, Rep. Richards (D. S. C.), to keep him posted on retirement plans. Mr. Gordon explained that he wanted to retire rather than move into line for the chairmanship.

But Mr. Richards retired and Mr. Gordon agreed to continue on, winning re-election handily by a three-to-two margin. The former banker and Chicago city

treasurer has shown little personal initiative on foreign affairs issues to date, but associates say he can be counted on to hew closely to policies laid down by Democratic leaders.

## Chill Well Before Planting

More than 300 specimens of rare wild flowers from Iran, carefully classified after several years of research by expert botanists, were presented to the National Herbarium this week by Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the Supreme Court.

The collection was assembled in several shipments to Penna. in the

past half-dozen years. The justice also brought specimens of more easily identified flowers from Lebanon, and these already are on display in the Smithsonian Institution.

On a trip to the Arctic, the much-traveled jurist collected some flower seeds which he turned over to the Department of Agriculture here for growing. They temporarily baffled the botanists, who finally "planted" them under cold conditions. The flowers soon bloomed.

## Parking Problem Solved

A group of employees at Washington's main post office has licked the parking problem by leasing a lot and going into the parking business on the side. Now their union local is so sold on the idea it is dickering to buy the lot and some additional space nearby. Members pay \$6 a month; non-members pay \$7.

## Baptism of Fire

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Nov. 19 (P)—Michael Interlandi moved into a new apartment Saturday night. Sunday he was carried out by firefighters, overcome by smoke. His condition was not con-

